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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: Surface Covering

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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing, please find the following:

1. ☒ The Specification of the above-referenced Application is enclosed herewith which includes:
 59 Pages including Claim(s) and Abstract.
2. ☒ 26 Sheet(s) of Drawings are enclosed herewith.
3. ☐ An oath or declaration is enclosed herewith that is:
 ___ Newly executed per 37 CFR §1.63(a) and (b)
 ___ A copy of the executed declaration filed in the prior application upon which priority is based, showing the signature(s) or an indication thereon that it was signed.
 ___ This Application is being filed by fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior application and it is requested that the following name or names be deleted from the list of inventors in the prior application for this continuation or divisional Application:

4. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith. Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to the calculation of filing fees or the examination of the above-referenced Application.

5. ☒ The fees for this Application have been calculated and included as shown below (Prior to calculating any fees, please enter any Preliminary Amendment enclosed herewith):

| FEE | CALCULATION | SUBTOTAL |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Basic Filing Fee | \$770.00 | \$770.00 |
| Indep. Claims | 3 - 3 = X \$86 = | |
| Total Claims | 47 - 20 = 17 X \$18 = | \$306.00 |
| Multiple Depend. | \$280.00 | |
| TOTAL | | \$1,076.00 |

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed herewith. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No.

☒ Please charge our Deposit Account No. 04-0500 for the fees associated with the submission of this Application.

6. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment, or to credit any overpayment, of the following fees associated with this filing or during the pendency of the Application to our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

☒ Any patent application filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16; and

☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17; and

☐ The issue fee under 37 CFR §1.18 upon the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.311(b).

7. ☒ This Application is a

☒ Continuation, or

☐ Divisional, or

☐ Continuation-In-Part

of prior copending parent U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/465,351, filed April 25, 2003; U.S. Provisional Application 60/507,023 filed on September 29, 2003 and U.S. Provisional Application 60/507,450 filed on September 30, 2003. In the event that a petition to extend time under 37 CFR §1.136 is necessary in the parent application to maintain copendency for this Application, a petition for an extension of the time necessary to maintain copendency is hereby requested for the parent application, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 04-0500 for the necessary fees.

8. ☐ Please amend the application to reflect the priority claimed to prior applications by inserting the following line in the beginning of the Specification:

--This application [Must list all priority U.S. applications, special type, and status] .—

Language Examples:

[claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. ____]

[is a Continuation, or Divisional, or Continuation-In-Part, of U.S. Application No. ____]

*[which was the National Stage of International Application No. ____ (The
published application being/not being in the English language) and]
[which is now pending, or abandoned, or Patent No. ____]*

9. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC §119 & 172 to the following foreign applications:

| Country | Serial No. | Date |
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☐ The requirement for a certified copy of each application was filed in the prior application Serial No. _____ and such status remains unchanged and is requested for this application.

☐ A certified copy of each application is enclosed herewith.

10. ☐ An information Disclosure Statement with Modified PTO Form(s) 1449 and a copy of the cited references are enclosed herewith.

11. ☐ An Assignment of the invention to Milliken & Company with cover sheet and recordation fee is enclosed herewith for recordation by the Assignment Branch.

12. ☐ The power of attorney for this application:

☐ is appointed in the newly executed Oath or Declaration submitted herewith.

☐ is appointed by the power of attorney submitted herewith.

☐ remains the same as originally in the parent application.

☐ was changed during the prosecution of the parent application and a copy of the change in the power of attorney is enclosed herewith.

13. ☐ The correspondence address for this application shall be:

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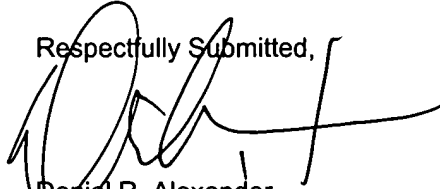
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14. ☐ Other: _____

15. ☒ Acknowledgement Postcard.

Respectfully Submitted,



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